

REMARKS

In the Office Action sent April 4, 2007, the Examiner allowed claims 14-16, objected to claims 23 and 24, and rejected claims 1-13 and 18-22. The claims have been amended as shown in the preceding Claim Listing. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following comments.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0222857 (“Abileah”) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,975,307 (“Chang”). Claims 2-6 are rejected under Section 103 as being unpatentable over Abileah in view of Chang. Claims 7-13, and 18-22 are similarly rejected under Section 103 in view of the combination of Abileah and Chang combined with various other cited references.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in the interest of compact prosecution, claims 1-13 and 18-22 have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering this rejection moot.

II. Subject Matter Allowed/Objected to

Claims 14-16 are allowed, and claims 23 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been amended accordingly such that claims 14-16 and 23-24 should all now be allowable.

III. Conclusion

In view of foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,
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